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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 229

Introduced by Assembly Member Chang

February 4, 2015

An act to amend Section 65401 of the Government Code, relating to housing. An act to add Section 19822.4 to the Government Code, relating to public employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 229, as amended, Chang. General plan: proposed public works. *State employees: travel reimbursement.*

Under existing law and bargaining agreements, the state reimburses employees for all necessary and actual expenses they incur when they travel on official state business.

This bill would prohibit a state agency from prohibiting the use of, or denying reimbursement for, necessary and actual expenses of state employees traveling on official state business for transportation provided by a transportation network company or lodging in a short-term rental, as defined. The bill would request and encourage the University of California to adopt travel reimbursement policies consistent with that prohibition. The bill would define terms for those purposes.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city, county, or city and county to adopt a comprehensive general plan that addresses a number of elements. If a general plan has been adopted, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, as specified, is required to submit a list of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. The agency receiving the list of proposed public works is required to prepare,

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as specified, a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19822.4 is added to the Government Code, 2 to read:

19822.4. (a) As used in this section:

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- (1) "Short-term rental" means a residential property that is rented to a visitor for fewer than 30 days through a centralized online platform whereby the rental is advertised and payments for the rental are securely processed. For purposes of travel reimbursement, a short-term rental shall be considered a commercial lodging establishment.
- (2) "Transportation network company" has the same meaning as defined in Section 5431 of the Public Utilities Code.
- (b) A state agency shall not prohibit the use of, or deny reimbursement for, necessary and actual expenses of state employees traveling on official state business for transportation provided by a transportation network company or lodging in a short-term rental.
- (c) The Legislature requests and encourages the University of California to adopt travel reimbursement policies consistent with this section.

SECTION 1. Section 65401 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65401. If a general plan or part thereof has been adopted, within the time fixed by the legislative body, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, and each governmental body, commission, or board, including the governing body of any special district or school district, whose jurisdiction lies wholly or partially within the county or city, whose functions include recommending, preparing plans for, or constructing major public works, shall submit to the official agency, as designated by the respective county board of supervisors or city council, a list of the proposed public works recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the ensuing fiscal year. The official agency receiving the

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- 1 list of proposed public works shall list and classify all of these
- 2 recommendations and shall prepare a coordinated program of
- 3 proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. The coordinated
- 4 program shall be submitted to the county or city planning agency
- 5 for review and report to the official agency as to conformity with
- 6 the adopted general plan or part thereof.